

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, 1, 7 and 13 are amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Sax at the interview held December 14, 2004, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sklut et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,119), Angiulo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,456,304) and Camara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,373,507). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, neither Sklut, Angiulo nor Camara, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest an image reproducing method and associated system that includes displaying parameter setting menus represented by selected graphical user interface elements in an order defined by the operator wherein the order of the displayed parameter setting menus is interchangeable and controlled by the operator, and storing the ordered sequence defined by the operator on a storage medium, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claims 7 and 13. Accordingly, because it would not have been obvious to combine the prior art references to arrive at the claimed invention, independent claims 1, 7 and 13, and their dependent claims, define patentable subject matter. As such, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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